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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 14, 2010 (Paper No. 20100410), for which a response was due on July 14, 2010. A Notice of Appeal and a Petition for a three months' extension of time was filed October 14, 2010. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a four month's extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.